(c) whether Government had also given such advice to Hon'ble President?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Resource crunch in Madarsas

3565. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the reports that madarsas in the country are facing severe resource crunch; and

(b) if so, whether Government is taking any steps to support such institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) No, Sir. A programme of assisting madarsas volunteering to introduce modern subjects of Mathematics, Science, English without affecting traditional as teaching, has been under implementations since the 9th Five Year Plan.

Setting up of new technical Universities

3566. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any target has been fixed by Government for setting up of new Central Universities, Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Indian Institute of Technology, Indian Institute of Management and Indian Institute of Information Technology in the country, during 2008-09;

(b) if so, the location-wise/State-wise details thereof, alongwith the financial allocation made by Government for the same; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to achieve the above targets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) While Indian Instiute of Science Education & Research (IISERs) at Kolkata, Pune and Mohali are already functioning, IISERs at Bhopal and Thiruvanathapuram will be operative with 75 students each from the academic session of 2008-09. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar and Rajasthan have been requested to make available suitable building/space for starting Indian Institute of Technology (IITs) classes from the academic session of 2008-09 with an initial student intake of 120 each. Indian Institute of Management (IIMs) at Shillong has already been established and will commence its academic session from 2008-09 with an initial intake of 60 students.

The financial allocation made by the Government for setting up of new Central Universities, Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISERs), Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) and Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs) in the country during 2008-09, is given below: